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Georgia Southern enters second bye week before hosting Coastal Carolina Oct. 19

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Football

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MOBILE, Ala. - The Georgia Southern football team scored late on a [Wesley Kennedy III](#) 1-yard run to force overtime and capitalized on special teams to claim a hard-earned 20-17 Sun Belt Conference victory Thursday night in double overtime at Ladd-Peebles Stadium.

Key Moment: Facing a potential dagger in the first overtime, Georgia Southern's [Raymond Johnson III](#) blocked the potential game-winning field goal by Frankie Onate to force a second overtime where [Randy Wade Jr.](#) forced a fumble on a sack and the Eagles secured the victory four plays later.

Key Plays:

- [Tyler Bass](#)' 46-yard field goal broke a 0-0 tie at the 11:03 mark in the second quarter, giving the contest its first score, GS 3, USA 0.
- One offensive play after Bass gave the Eagles a 3-0 lead, the Jaguars' quarterback Cephus Johnson hit Kawaan Baker on a 75-yard touchdown pass on first down. GS 3, USA 7.
- A bad punt by USA's Jack Brooks gave the Eagles the ball at the USA 42 which resulted in a 7-play scoring drive capped by [J.D. King's](#) 4-yard touchdown run. GS 10, USA 7.
- Cephus went deep again, this time with a 60-yard touchdown pass to Jalen Tolbert midway through the third to give the Jaguars lead. GS 10, USA 14.
- Sparked by an illegal kickoff out of bounds, the Eagles marched down the field in an 8-play, 65-yard drive to tie the game with 20 seconds remaining on a [Wesley Kennedy III](#) 1-yard touchdown run.
- After Bass missed a field goal on the first possession of the first overtime, the Eagles defense stood their ground and forced a potential 45-yard game-winning field goal by the Jaguars' Frankie Onate that was blocked by [Raymond Johnson III](#) to force overtime No. 2.
- Cephus was sacked by [Randy Wade Jr.](#) on the first play of the first possession in the second overtime and fumbled to Johnson.
- Bass redeemed the first overtime miss with a 37-yard game-winning kick in overtime No. 2.

Key Stat: The Eagles defense held South Alabama to 0-10 on third down conversions, the best performance since holding East Tennessee State to 0-9 on Oct. 30, 1999.

Up Next: The Eagles (2-3, 1-1 SBC) will now have 16 days off before returning to Paulson Stadium Oct. 19 to host Coastal Carolina for the first time since 2006.

Tickets are on sale at GSEagles.com/Tickets.

Gallery: (10/3/2019) Football at South Alabama
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